

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1994 – SB 2098

March 4, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes permitted wildlife rehabilitators to import, possess, or cause to be imported live skunks.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014153): Deletes and rewrites Section 1 of the proposed legislation to authorize wildlife rehabilitators possessing a valid permit from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to receive a live skunk for the purpose of rehabilitating and releasing it.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 70-4-208 authorizes zoos and research institutes to import live skunks, possess live skunks, or cause live skunks to be imported.
- The proposed legislation authorizes wildlife rehabilitators possessing a valid permit from the TWRA to receive a live skunk for the purpose of rehabilitating and releasing it pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-4-412.
- The proposed legislation will not impact the policies or operations of the TWRA.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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